

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Jason C. H. Shih et al.

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For: *Construction of Bacillus Licheniformis T1 Strain, and Fermentation Production of Crude Enzyme Extract Therefrom*

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Sir/Madam:

The present Amendment After Final is submitted to address the issues raised in the Final Office Action dated June 19, 2006. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and allowance of the present application. Alternatively, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment as narrowing the issues for further consideration.

Moreover, it is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s)-including fees for net addition of claims-are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

**Amendments** to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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